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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TOSHIO HIRANO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: OUSPENSKI, I.
SERIAL NO: 09/828,217 :
FILED: APRIL 9, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1644
FOR: A MEMBRANE PROTEIN POLYPEPTIDE HAVING PRE-B CELL GROWTH-
SUPPORTING ABILITY AND A GENE THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.